

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a multi-resolutional representation of an original pixel image; and
performing halftoning on the multi-resolutional representation in the wavelet ~~division~~
domain to produce an output operational image, including
quantizing multiresolutional coefficients, and
passing one or more error values onto one or more other multiresolutional
coefficients.
2. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein the multiresolutional
representation comprises a pyramidal decomposition of the image.
3. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein the multiresolutional
representation comprises a two dimensional (2D) wavelet decomposition of the image.
4. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein the multiresolutional
representation comprises a time-frequency decomposition of the image.
5. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising converting the
original pixel image into the multiresolutional representation of the image.

6. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising scaling coefficients so coefficients contain the total energy of the region they represent.

7. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising performing increased scaling of difference coefficients for enhanced edges in the halftone.

8. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, including changing the error filter depending on the multiresolution level of an error-producing coefficient.

9. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, and wherein the error filter is different or adaptive depending on the directional subband represented by the error-producing coefficient.

10. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further comprising applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, and wherein the error filter is adaptive based on both the multiresolution level of the error-producing coefficient and the directional subband represented by the error-producing coefficient.

11. (Original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein receiving the multiresolutional representation of the original pixel image includes arranging the multiresolutional coefficients to represent a spatial dependence of each multiresolutional coefficient.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving a multi-resolutional representation of an original pixel image; and
means for performing halftoning on the multi-resolutional representation in the wavelet ~~division~~ domain to produce an output operational image, including
means for quantizing multiresolutional coefficients, and
means for passing one or more error values onto one or more other
multiresolutional coefficients.

13. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 wherein the multiresolutional representation comprises a pyramidal decomposition of the image.

14. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 wherein the multiresolutional representation comprises a two dimensional (2D) wavelet decomposition of the image.

15. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 wherein the multiresolutional representation comprises a time-frequency decomposition of the image.

16. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for converting the original pixel image into the multiresolutional representation of the image.

17. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for scaling coefficients so coefficients contain the total energy of the region they represent.

18. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for performing increased scaling of difference coefficients for enhanced edges in the halftone.

19. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, including means for changing the error filter depending on the multiresolution level of an error-producing coefficient.

20. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, and wherein the error filter is different or adaptive depending on the directional subband represented by the error-producing coefficient.

21. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12 further comprising means for applying an error filter to the multiresolutional coefficients, and wherein the error filter is adaptive based on both the multiresolution level of the error-producing coefficient and the directional subband represented by the error-producing coefficient.

22. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 12, wherein the means for receiving the multiresolutional representation of the original pixel image includes means for arranging the multiresolutional coefficients to represent a spatial dependence of each multiresolutional coefficient.

23. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising ~~one or more recordable media containing executable instructions that~~, a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to:

receive a multi-resolutional representation of an original pixel image; and

perform halftoning on the multi-resolutional representation in the wavelet ~~division~~ domain to produce an output operational image by

quantizing multiresolutional coefficients, and

passing one or more error values onto one or more other multiresolutional coefficients.

24. (Original) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 23 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to convert the original pixel image into the multiresolutional representation of the image.

25. (Original) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 23 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to scale coefficients so coefficients contain the total energy of the region they represent.

26. (Original) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 23 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to perform increased scaling of difference coefficients for enhanced edges in the halftone.

27. (Original) The article of manufacture defined in Claim 23 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to apply an error filter to

the multiresolutional coefficients, including change the error filter depending on the multiresolution level of an error-producing coefficient.

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a transform;
an arranger coupled to the transform; and
an error diffusion unit coupled to the arranger to perform halftoning on ~~the~~ a multi-resolutional representation in the wavelet ~~division~~ domain to produce an output operational image, wherein the error diffusion unit includes
a quantizer to quantize multiresolutional coefficients, and
an error filter to pass one or more error values onto one or more other multiresolutional coefficients.

29. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 28 wherein the error filter is changed depending on the multiresolutional level of an error-producing coefficient.

30. (Original) The apparatus defined in Claim 28 wherein the error filter is changed depending on the directional subband represented by the error-producing coefficient.

31-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising ~~one or more recordable media containing executable instructions that,~~ a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

receive a multi-resolutional representation of an original pixel image; and
perform halftoning on the multi-resolutional representation in the wavelet ~~division~~
domain to produce an output operational image, by
quantizing multiresolutional coefficients, and
passing one or more error values onto one or more other multiresolutional
coefficients.

44. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 43, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to convert the image from a pixel representation to a multiresolutional representation having multiresolutional coefficients, where converting the image includes arranging the multiresolutional coefficients to represent a spatial dependence of each multiresolutional coefficient.

45. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 43, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to convert the image from a pixel representation to a multiresolutional representation having multiresolutional coefficients, where converting the image includes scaling the multiresolutional coefficients to contain a total energy of a region represented by each multiresolutional coefficient.

46. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 43, wherein the error filter is adapted to a multiresolutional level represented by a multiresolutional coefficient creating the error.

47. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 43, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the machine, cause the machine to iteratively quantize each multiresolutional coefficient and passing an error to spatially neighboring multiresolutional coefficients as specified by an error filter, where passing the error includes passing the error to neighboring multiresolutional coefficients of a same scale.

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim ~~2228~~, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising a processing unit, in order to convert ~~the~~ an image from a pixel representation to a the multiresolutional representation having multiresolutional coefficients; and is to arrange the multiresolutional coefficients to represent a spatial dependence of each multiresolutional coefficient.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~2249~~, wherein the processing unit, in order to convert the image from a the pixel representation to a the multiresolutional representation having multiresolutional coefficients, ~~is to~~ scales the multiresolutional coefficients to contain a total energy of a region represented by each multiresolutional coefficient.

51. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~2228~~, wherein the error filter is adapted to a multiresolutional level represented by a multiresolutional coefficient creating the error.

52. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~222~~28, wherein the ~~processing error~~
~~diffusion unit, in order~~ is operable to iteratively quantize each multiresolutional coefficient and
pass an error to spatially neighboring multiresolutional coefficients of a same scale as specified
by an the error filter, ~~is to pass the error to neighboring multiresolutional coefficients of a same~~
~~scale.~~